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*"I know that we have living prophets. Whenever the Lord desires, and it is His will to speak through His prophets, I have no fear and no doubt as far as I am individually concerned, that they have the courage and the faith to speak the words of God."*—  
J. GOLDEN KIMBALL.

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REIGN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

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OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TWELVE

IT IS a privilege to stand in this building to speak of the goodness of God. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to attend the services held in this house, for this is the house of the Lord, a place that has been dedicated for worship, where the saints assemble from time to time to receive instruction, guidance, and if necessary admonition and correction.

We stand on the threshold of a new year, the year 1933. The year 1932 has gone into the great eternity which is past. With it has gone many of its problems, but it has left behind it many other problems to be solved. Much of the distress and trouble that has perplexed the nations of the earth as well as individuals during the year just closed, will continue during the year which has come. Trouble in the earth will continue; there will be distress, calamity and perplexity among the nations.

We need not look for peace in the immediate future, because peace will not come. Nevertheless, we may look forward with rejoicing; we need not be downcast, but in the spirit of faith, hope, and in the fear of the Lord, we should look to the future with feelings of joy, of humility, and of worship, with the desire in our hearts stronger than ever of serving the Lord and keeping His commandments, for the day of His coming draws near.

This Gospel of the Kingdom has now been preached in the world for upwards of one hundred years. The Lord said that His coming in power and glory would be preceded by the preaching of the Gospel in all the world as a witness among all nations, and

then the end of unrighteousness would come. In fulfillment of that promise the heavens were opened and the Lord made His purposes known to the inhabitants of the earth. He sent heavenly messengers to men and gave them power and authority, conferring upon them the Holy Priesthood that they might build up the kingdom of God.

In due time ambassadors of righteousness were sent unto the nations of the earth to teach all men, and warn the world of the judgments that are to come, and through repentance lead men into the Kingdom of God. This work of preaching the Gospel to the nations has not yet been finished. The missionaries of the Church are now going out with this message, but the Lord has said, He would cut short His work in righteousness, moreover that He would hasten it in its time. By means of modern invention and discovery we can readily see how this may be accomplished, and the hearts of the people of the earth be reached by radio, through the press, and by communication such as the nations of the earth did not have in former times. I do not know how long it will be before this mission shall be accomplished, and these words of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ shall be fulfilled, but that He will work speedily, that He will accomplish His purposes within the time that He has set, I fully believe, and His promises shall not fail.

#### EVERYONE TO HEAR THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

This message shall go forth so that every soul upon the face of the earth may eventually have the opportunity of hearing it, and they who refuse to hear it are without excuse. In the preface which the Lord Himself gave in His own book of commandments, He has said :

Hearken, O ye people of my church, saith the voice of him who dwells on high, and whose eyes are upon all men, yea, verily I say, hearken ye people from afar; and ye that are upon the islands of the sea, listen together.

For verily the voice of the Lord is unto all men, and there is none to escape; and there is no eye that shall not see, neither ear that shall not hear, neither heart that shall not be penetrated.

And the rebellious shall be pierced with much sorrow; for their iniquities shall be spoken upon the housetops, and their secret acts shall be revealed.

And the voice of warning shall be unto all people, by the mouths of my disciples, whom I have chosen in these last days.

And they shall go forth and none shall stay them, for I the Lord have commanded them.

Behold this is mine authority, and the authority of my servants, and my preface unto the book of my commandments, which I have given them to publish unto you, O inhabitants of the earth.

Wherefore, fear and tremble, O ye people, for what I the Lord have decreed in them shall be fulfilled.

So the Lord has called the attention first, of the members of the Church, and then of the people of the earth, to the fact that He has again spoken from the heavens; moreover, that He has sent forth His messengers and no one has the power to stay their hands. They shall go forth and accomplish His purposes through the preaching of this everlasting Gospel, until it has gone to the various parts of the earth. Every soul shall have the opportunity of hearing; every heart shall be penetrated; every eye have the privilege of seeing, but the rebellious, they who refuse to hearken and give heed to the words of the Lord, or to the words of His servants, shall be pierced with sorrow.

One hundred years of preaching, teaching and publishing of this truth have been accomplished. I say I do not know how long the Lord will require this of the Elders of Israel before the end shall come and He will conclude that this work has been accomplished, but the time is soon to come when the heavens will be opened, the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, shall come from His hiding place, take vengeance upon the ungodly, and establish His kingdom upon the earth.

#### POWER GIVEN TO THOSE WHO BEAR TIDINGS

And verily I say unto you, that they who go forth, bearing these tidings unto the inhabitants of the earth, to them is power given to seal both on earth and in heaven, the unbelieving and rebellious;

Yea, verily, to seal them up unto the day when the wrath of God shall be poured out upon the wicked without measure—

Unto the day when the Lord shall come to recompense unto every man according to his work, and measure to every man according to the measure which he has measured to his fellow man.

Wherefore the voice of the Lord is unto the ends of the earth, that all that will hear may hear:

Prepare ye, prepare ye for that which is to come, for the Lord is nigh;

And the anger of the Lord is kindled, and His sword is bathed in heaven, and it shall fall upon the inhabitants of the earth.

Now these are the promises the Lord has made, and it is obligatory, if you please, upon the Church to declare this message, to send forth this warning both to the members of the Church and to those who dwell in the islands of the sea, and upon all the face of the earth, that they might be prepared to escape from the calamities which are to come. In another revelation given some time later the Lord had this to say:

Abide ye in the liberty wherewith ye are made free; entangle not yourselves in sin, but let your hands be clean, until the Lord comes.

For not many days hence and the earth shall tremble and reel to and fro as a drunken man; and the sun shall hide his face, and shall refuse to give light, and the moon shall be bathed in blood; and the stars shall become exceedingly angry, and shall cast themselves down as a fig that falleth from off a fig-tree.

And after your testimony cometh wrath and indignation upon the people.

For after your testimony cometh the testimony of earthquakes, that shall cause groanings in the midst of her, and men shall fall upon the ground and shall not be able to stand.

And also cometh the testimony of the voice of the thunders, and the voice of lightnings, and the voice of tempest, and the voice of the waves of the sea heaving themselves beyond their bounds.

And all things shall be in commotion; and surely, men's hearts shall fail them; for fear shall come upon all people.

Let me call your attention again to this: "Abide ye in the liberty wherewith ye are made free." What is the liberty with which we are made free? It is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Lord said, speaking of the Jews: "My word is truth." He said if they would abide in His truth they should be made free. And we shall be free in the liberty of righteousness, in the liberty of the Gospel, if we will abide in His truth and not entangle ourselves in sin.

#### JUDGMENTS ARE OCCURRING AS PREDICTED

We are already living in the day when these judgments are coming to pass—earthquakes, famine, pestilence, the sea heaving itself beyond its bounds, all things being in commotion both among the elements and among men. The world is in a condition of unrest; men are not satisfied, they are contending one with another—dissatisfaction and greediness are in the hearts of the people, not the love of God, not the love of truth, not the desire to abide in that freedom which comes through obedience to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The desire is in their hearts to do that which is wicked before the Lord, rather than to live and abide in righteousness. Mark this, another saying of the Lord:

Verily I say unto you, ye are clean, but not all; and there is none else with whom I am well pleased.

That was said of the members of the Church. Should the Lord speak to us to-day He could repeat that, for to-day within the Church we are clean, but not all, and there is none else with whom He is pleased.

For this reason He said:

For all flesh is corrupted before me; and the powers of darkness prevail upon the earth, among the children of men, in the presence of all the hosts of heaven—

Which causeth silence to reign, and all eternity is pained, and the angels are waiting the great command to reap down the earth, to gather the tares that they may be burned; and, behold, the enemy is combined.

This is the word of the Lord: "All flesh is corrupted before me." Now, the world has not improved since the Lord uttered those words. This earth is groaning to-day under the violence of

corruption and sin. Wickedness is in the hearts of the children of men; and so it will continue, according to the revelations of the Lord, until that day when Christ shall come in the clouds of heaven, as He said: "In red apparel, coming in the spirit of vengeance to take vengeance on the ungodly, and to cleanse the earth from sin." We speak of the time when the earth shall be cleansed from sin as the millennium. We look forward to it; the prophets have spoken of it.

In our own day messengers have come from the presence of the Lord declaring that it is even now at our doors, and yet many, even among the Latter-day Saints, go about their affairs as though this coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the ushering in of this reign of peace had been indefinitely postponed for many generations. I say to you that it is at our doors. I say this with all confidence, because the Lord has said it. His messengers have said it as they have come from His presence bearing witness of Him.

We have been warned and forewarned of the great and dreadful day of the Lord which is even now at our doors. Is it not time for us to take notice? Should not the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints be sober minded, have the spirit of humility, and faith, and prayer in their hearts, endeavouring to know the purposes of the Lord and to stand before Him in righteousness, and thus be prepared, should that day come while we are living? Is it not a fatal mistake for us to feel that this day is yet a long time off, that it is not to come in our generation, and therefore we may in safety receive the spirit of the world, and seek after the things the world delights in, its follies and its wickedness? The Lord expects better things of us. He expects us to keep His commandments, and watch and pray and stand as He has declared in holy places and be not moved.

#### PERILOUS TIMES BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF FAITH

These are perilous times. This is a day when we are in grave danger—danger because of the teachings of men, danger because of the lack of faith in the hearts of men, because the philosophies of the world have a tendency to undermine the fundamental things of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These are things we must contend against. There is a spirit of indifference in the world toward religion to-day. People are not worshipping in spirit and truth, but the Lord expects us, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to worship in spirit and truth, to walk in righteousness, and to stand in this liberty which will make us free, spoken of in these revelations.

Pardon me for speaking in this way, but these things are constantly upon my mind. I feel that it is my duty as one of the Elders of Israel, to raise my voice in warning and in crying repentance unto the Latter-day Saints, and unto all the world, for

surely we need it. We need it as members of the Church. We need it as citizens of this great nation, and the people of other nations need to repent and turn to God with full purpose of heart, because troubles are at our doors.

Now, what is going to happen when Christ comes? He said in this same preface from which I have read, that we are to search these things for they are true and faithful and shall be fulfilled. In these revelations He has pointed out the things that are to take place both before His coming and following His coming to this earth. We are without any excuse if we do not keep ourselves in readiness, because the warnings have been given. We have them before us constantly, and we have the privilege of understanding them because they are clearly and plainly written.

#### THE REIGN OF PEACE

Let me read to you a little more in regard to some of the things that are going to take place when Christ comes and the reign of peace is ushered in.

Prepare for the revelation which is to come, when the veil of the covering of my tabernacle, which hideth the earth, shall be taken off, and all flesh shall see me together.

Now, that is going to happen when the Lord comes in that great and dreadful day. He is going to be seen in the heavens—all flesh will see Him together. And when that day comes “every corruptible thing, both of men or of the beasts of the field, or of the fowl of the heavens, or of the fish of the sea that dwells upon all the face of the earth shall be consumed.”

That will happen to every corruptible thing whether it is animal, elements or man.

For, behold, the day cometh that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

And so the Lord said in this revelation :

And also that of element shall melt with fervent heat; and all things shall become new, that my knowledge and glory may dwell upon all the earth.

And in that day the enmity of man, and enmity of the beasts, yea, the enmity of all flesh, shall cease before my face.

Why shall it cease? Because all things upon the face of the earth that are corruptible shall be removed, whether it is man or beast; they who have wickedness in their hearts cannot stay—they shall be as stubble—they shall be consumed and pass away.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1933

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EDITORIAL

MISSION-WIDE ORGANIZATION OF AUXILIARIES

*To the Missionaries and Members of the Church throughout the British Mission.*

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—The sixth article of our faith reads as follows: “We believe in the same organization that existed in the Primitive Church, viz., apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc.”

The Prophet Joseph Smith was once asked this question: “How do you govern the people?” And his answer was, “I teach them correct principles, and they govern themselves.”

The paramount issue under discussion at the recent Mission Presidents' Conference at Prague, was that of organization and self-government. The European President and his wife, President and Sister Widtsoe, were very pronounced in their instructions to the Mission Presidents to organize mission-wide, district-wide and branch-wide auxiliaries. To defer organization longer was nothing more nor less than procrastination. The saints everywhere are entitled to and ready for, self-government. “Teach them correct principles and they will govern themselves.”

We learn to do by-doing. The child who is never taught to walk will always creep and never learn. The man or woman who is never given responsibility will never progress. He will always follow the path of least resistance. The easiest way, to him, he will think, is the best way. The young woman in the home will never learn to be a good cook by simply watching her mother. She must roll up her sleeves and “pitch in,” and undertake the work herself; she may not season the soup just right the first time, etc., but gradually, by constant application and careful effort, she learns how to do by doing.

Organization is essential and necessary to progress. One must qualify, be prepared, learn to stand alone, study, be ambitious to learn, be willing to accept responsibility when it is offered. Such people will grow faster; will become greater men and women; homes will become brighter; hearts lighter, if they will but perform every duty they are called upon, in a spirit of love for the work and willingness to do it. Therefore, be prepared! The hour is near, even at your doors, when responsibility will be given to carry on this mighty work of the Lord in which we are engaged.

In keeping with the spirit and instruction for this mission-wide

organization movement, on the afternoon of December 20th, a special meeting was held in London, for the purpose of organizing a British Mission Relief Society Board. The meeting was called at the request of Sister Rinthia Pratt Douglas, president of the British Mission Relief Societies. There were present in addition to President and Sister James H. Douglas of the British Mission, President and Sister John A. Widtsoe and Patriarch and Sister James H. Wallis of the European Mission; and Elder Ralph J. Pugh of the London District; also the sisters who had been selected to form the board.

After the opening prayer by Patriarch James H. Wallis, Sister Douglas stated the object of the meeting. Sister Leah D. Widtsoe, president of the European Mission Relief Societies, pointed out the importance of a mission-wide Relief Society Board organization, and stated that Great Britain, the parent of all the foreign missions, should be one of the first to organize as outlined by Sister Douglas.

Sister Widtsoe was followed by Sister Elizabeth T. Wallis, Counsellor in the presidency of the European Mission Relief Societies, after which Sisters Grace T. Pugh, Irene Cameron Russell and Catherine L. M. Horner, who had been selected by Sister Douglas as her counsellors and secretary, expressed themselves heartily in favour of the movement.

President Douglas referred to the original Relief Society organization in Nauvoo in 1842, and stated that the membership of the Relief Society had now reached an enrollment of between sixty and seventy thousand. He gave the sisters present some sound, sensible advice concerning the work before them.

Patriarch Wallis expressed himself as being pleased that the time had come when this organization could be effected, and remarked that the present occasion would be a "red-letter" day in the history of the British Mission.

President Widtsoe stated that for some years he had been urging mission-wide auxiliary boards throughout all of the European Missions, and was delighted to know that this step was now being taken by the British Mission. He elaborated on the importance of Relief Society work, and stated that greater progress in the mission field would come from the more efficient work of the auxiliary organizations. The Relief Society was not only a charitable and educational organization, but also one of the best proselyting means in the Church.

Elder Pugh endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers, and said he was happy to be present at the organization of a movement which would leave its impress for good upon the British people.

Sister Grace T. Pugh was then set apart by President Widtsoe as First Counsellor to Sister Rinthia Pratt Douglas; Sister Inez Cameron Russell as Second Counsellor, by President James H.

Douglas, and Sister Catherine L. M. Horner as Secretary, by Patriarch James H. Wallis.

A meeting called at the instance of President James H. Douglas to organize mission-wide Y. L. M. I. A. and Primary boards was held January 3rd. Those in attendance were, in addition to President and Sister James H. Douglas, President and Sister John A. Widtsoe, Patriarch and Sister James H. Wallis, Sister Glenn J. Beeley of the General Y. L. M. I. A. Board, Salt Lake City, and also the following brethren and sisters: Elder Rulon D. Newell, Secretary of the British Mission, Eudora Widtsoe, Nettie L. Woodbury, Heen Ann Waspe, Mildred Lillian Florence Poole, Celia Francis Willmott, Edua Gladys Clayton, Madeline Emily Roselyn Hill, Clair Amelia Clayton, Catherine L. M. Horner and local Elder Edward Downs. The last seven named are members of the London District.

The business of the meeting was outlined by President Douglas, and commented upon by President Widtsoe and Patriarch Wallis.

The following were then sustained and set apart as officers in the mission-wide Y. L. M. I. A. board, with Sister Heen Ann Waspe president: Sister Clair Amelia Clayton, First Counsellor, was set apart by President John A. Widtsoe; Sister Madeline Emily Roselyn Hill, Second Counsellor, by Patriarch James H. Wallis; Sister Leah Eudora Widtsoe, Secretary, by President James H. Douglas.

Following this organization, officers selected for the mission-wide Primary board, were sustained and set apart: Sister Nettie L. Woodbury as Superintendent; Sister Celia Francis Willmott, First Counsellor, was set apart by President John A. Widtsoe; Sister Edua Gladys Clayton, Second Counsellor, by President James H. Douglas, and Sister Mildred Lillian Florence Poole, Secretary, by Patriarch James H. Wallis.

One week later a meeting was held, called by President Douglas, to organize mission-wide Y. M. M. I. A. and Sunday School boards, which was attended, in addition to President and Sister James H. Douglas, by President John A. Widtsoe, Elders Rulon D. Newell, Russel S. Ellsworth, Leslie T. Norton, Dr. Ray M. Russell, Robert C. Neslen, Andre K. Anastasiou, John Bleakley, William Herbert Bickerstaff, John Bullock, William Osborn Chippling, and Sister Catherine L. M. Horner.

The following were sustained and set apart as officers in the mission-wide Y. M. M. I. A. board to serve under the presidency of Elder Russell S. Ellsworth: Ray M. Russell, First Counsellor, was set apart by President John A. Widtsoe; Andre K. Anastasiou, Second Counsellor, by President James H. Douglas, John Bleakley, Secretary, by Elder Russell S. Ellsworth.

The mission-wide Sunday School was organized under Leslie T. Norton as superintendent: William Herbert Bickerstaff, First Counsellor, was set apart by Elder Leslie T. Norton; John

Bullock, Second Counsellor, by President Robert C. Neslen; William Osborn Chipping, Secretary, by Elder Ray M. Russell.

It will be seen that all of the officers selected are local mission members, with the exception of the heads of the organizations, who in every instance are missionaries labouring in the British Mission. This has been done so as to make it convenient for them to attend the sessions of these auxiliary boards until the work is thoroughly organized.

As finally completed, the mission auxiliary boards of the British Mission now stand as follows:

*Relief Society*—Rintha Pratt Douglas, President; Grace T. Pugh, First Counsellor; Inez Cameron Russell, Second Counsellor; Catherine L. M. Horner, Secretary.

*Sunday School*—Leslie T. Norton, Superintendent; W. H. Bickerstaff, First Assistant; John Bullock, Second Assistant; W. O. Chipping, Secretary.

*Y. M. M. I. A.*—Russell S. Ellsworth, President; Ray M. Russell, First Counsellor; Andre K. Anastasion, Second Counsellor; John Bleakley, Secretary.

*Y. L. M. I. A.*—Ileen Ann Waspe, President; Claire Amelia Clayton, First Counsellor; Madeline E. R. Hill, Second Counsellor; Leah Eudora Widtsoe, Secretary.

*Primary*—Nettie L. Woodbry, Superintendent; Celia F. Willmott, First Assistant; Edna G. Clayton, Second Assistant; Mildred L. F. Poole, Secretary.

*Genealogy*—Leslie T. Norton, Mission Supervisor.

JAMES H. DOUGLAS, British Mission President.

## A HYMN WANTED

ANNOUNCEMENT is made by Sister Leah D. Widtsoe, President of the Relief Society organization of the European Mission, that she will give a bound copy of the *Life Story of Brigham Young* to the successful competitor in a contest for the best written hymn to be composed by a member of the Church in Great Britain. The hymn must extol the beauties and virtues of the mother country, and should be written in a metre so as to be sung to a well-known tune. Poems should be in by May 1st next, and addressed to the chairman of a committee that has been appointed by Sister Widtsoe, consisting of James H. Wallis, chairman, Marion Barratt of Hull, and Ralph J. Pugh of London.

Sister Widtsoe says, "I am hoping to get a hymn that applies to the Saints in Great Britain as does 'O Ye Mountains High' to the members of the Church in the Far West." We feel sure with the number of poets in the British Mission that we will secure an inspirational hymn that will live for ever.

The award will be announced at the last M. I. A. meeting of the season, and the successful hymn will be published in the *Millennial Star*.

## REIGN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

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And so the earth shall be cleansed that the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the face of the earth, "and in that day whatsoever any man shall ask it shall be given unto him. And in that day Satan shall not have power to tempt any man. And there shall be no more sorrow because there is no death. In that day an infant shall not die until he is old; and his life shall be as the age of a tree; and when he dies he shall not sleep, that is to say in the earth, but shall be changed in the twinkling of an eye, and shall be caught up, and his rest shall be glorious." That will be a glorious day. It is not a day to be dreaded by those who are righteous, but it is a day, a dreadful day, unto the wicked, as you can see from these scriptures, and many more to which I might refer, for all who will not put themselves in harmony with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and with His everlasting truth, and have in their hearts peace, shall be consumed.

It shall be in that day that the lion shall lie down with the lamb and eat straw as the ox, and all fear, hatred and enmity shall depart from the earth, because all things having hate in their hearts shall pass away, and there shall come a change, a change over men, a change over the beasts of the field, and upon all things living upon the face of the earth. According to this word I have read there shall be harmony, and love, and peace, and righteousness because Satan is bound that he can not tempt any man, and that will be the condition that shall be upon the earth for one thousand years. Not only that, but men shall live free from sin, and free from the ravages of disease and death, until they reach the age of one hundred years. Infants shall not die, they shall live until they have filled the measure of their mortal creation. In fact, mortality shall be reduced to a minimum.

However, there shall be mortality upon the face of the earth during the thousand years, because of the great work that is to be accomplished of salvation for the dead. During that thousand years of peace, the great work of the Lord shall be in the temples, and into those temples the people shall go to labour for those who have passed beyond, and who are waiting to have these ordinances which pertain to their salvation performed for them, by those who still dwell in mortality upon the earth. And so there shall be mortal men, but they shall live from the time of birth until they are one hundred years old, and then shall be changed suddenly.

Men will have power over disease, and their bodies will become vigorous and strong, for it will be a new creation of all things when Christ shall come.

Again, when the Lord comes not only is this change going to come to the earth and to those who remain upon the earth, to the

sea, to the fowl of the air, and the beasts upon the earth, but the graves are to be opened and the righteous dead, they who have kept the commandments of the Lord, are going to come forth; they shall receive their resurrection no matter when they have lived. All those who have died in Christ shall come forth from the dead, at His coming, and shall dwell upon the earth, as Christ shall be upon the earth, during this millennium. They shall not remain here all the time during the thousand years, but they will mingle with those who are still here in mortal life. These resurrected saints and the Saviour Himself, shall come to give instruction and guidance; to reveal unto us the things we ought to know; to give us information concerning the work in the temples of the Lord, so we may do the work which is essential to the salvation of the worthy men.

It matters not so far as we are concerned, whether we die before that day comes or are living on the earth, for if we die in righteousness, we shall be raised in the resurrection of the just, and shall be caught up to meet Christ in clouds of glory when He comes to take possession of the earth, as King of kings and Lord of lords.

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is declared in the revelations of the Lord which are found in the Bible and Doctrine and Covenants. However, if we have not kept the commandments of the Lord, if we have been unjust, and lovers of sin, and our hearts have been set upon evil, then we shall die, and shall not live again until the thousand years are ended. It is decreed that the unrighteous shall have to spend their time during this thousand years in the prison house prepared for them, where they can repent and cleanse themselves through the things which they shall suffer.

John, in his great vision, saw the rest of the dead, and they lived not again until the thousand years were ended. That is a calamity—it is a dreadful thing to contemplate, for there shall be a great host of men swept off the face of the earth because of their wickedness. The bodies of these will have to remain in the grave and their spirits in the spirit house to be taught repentance and faith in God, while the thousand years of peace are progressing upon the earth.

I wish, my good brethren and sisters, that we would read these revelations, that we would make ourselves more familiar with that which they contain, for there shall be a judgment when Christ comes. We are informed that the books shall be opened, the dead shall be judged out of the things which are written in the books and among the books will be the book of life. We shall see its pages. We shall see ourselves just as we are, and we are to understand with a righteous understanding that the judgments which are meted out to us are just and true, whether we come into the Kingdom of God and receive these glorious

blessings, or whether we are banished into the realm of the dead. So, I say, let us search these scriptures. Make ourselves familiar with these revelations which the Lord has given for our guidance, then we will have better understanding and have greater power to walk in knowledge, light and truth. And so I pray, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.—(Address delivered in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A., January 1st, 1933.)

### SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

SOME few days ago a letter reached President John A. Widtsoe addressed to him at Liverpool, from a lady who has been investigating the Gospel for a number of years. She had been given a few tracts, and from one of them had read about the headquarters of the Church being established in Utah. Not knowing where to write in England for the information she desired, she decided to send a letter to President Heber J. Grant. She did so, and he wrote, giving her the address of President Widtsoe. The following letter to President Widtsoe is the result of the correspondence:

“Thanking you very much indeed for the further supply of booklets and tracts which you sent me sometime ago. I am a very busy woman with very little time for reading, and still less quiet for serious study. However, I have now gone through the literature thoroughly; and oh, sir! it's what I have wanted for years. I'm only 26 now. I started at 13 by looking up all the various creeds and religions in a large encyclopaedia. Since then I have studied almost every religion and many Christian creeds, and none of them have approached what I thought the true explanation: ‘Whence we come; why here; what follows death; who and what is God?’ In these few booklets I find something I can *believe*. I don't feel I need search further. The idea of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, not three in one, but three distinct beings, I have always entertained. The word trinity is *not* a biblical word at all. The Word of Wisdom points to rules of living I have always followed. I was delicate as a child, and I somehow got the idea long ago that to eat clean, plain food, natural food, would make for health, and I never took to drinking tea, very seldom coffee, and I usually have cocoa or hot milk or milk and water in winter.

“I was, in fact, intensely interested in all I read and thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping me. I was greatly interested to read that the missionary's work is voluntary. In some creeds religion is a fairly easy way of getting a salary and an honoured position—nothing more.

“Just now I cannot afford to buy books. We have recently moved into a tiny house at a much lower rental, and I may be able to do so in a month or two's time. Perhaps you could advise me what to buy. If there are any further booklets I would appreciate an opportunity to read them very much indeed. The ones I already have are: ‘The Plan of Salvation,’ ‘The Way, the Truth and the Life,’ ‘My Reasons,’ ‘Joseph Smith's own Story,’ ‘Rays of Living Light,’ and a number of tracts.

"My husband will not read anything I have, and is not a bit interested in religion. How I wish he were! I pray for it daily. We are quite happy, but that one thing makes my life a lonely one, particularly as I am a stranger in Essex.

"I am so glad I wrote to Utah, not knowing of any English address of Church members, and began to learn about the Latter-day Saints. I pray the day may come when I can be baptized."

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## CHURCH WIDE NEWS

"THE richest child is poor without music," is the slogan which has been adopted by the Primary Association in a drive for music appreciation among the younger members of the Church. This worthy project was launched in October of last year under the direction of the General Board.

Of special concern to the Latter-day Saints who visit the World's Fair in Chicago this year will be the section dealing with ancient American ruins. Among the interesting relics to be exhibited is an exact replica of the famous Nunnery of Uxmal in Northern Yucatan. This ruin typifies genuine early American architecture.

HAWAII, like other countries in which the Church maintains missions, has suffered from a shortage of missionaries, the loss being remedied by turning responsibility over to local members. According to recent reports from President Castle H. Murphy, the results have been most gratifying. The plan, first attempted in Honolulu, produced immediate progress, and has now been put into effect throughout the Mission.

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## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

**Transfers:** Elder Harold Sycamore was transferred from the Bristol to the Leeds District, January 26th. Elder Arthur J. Morgan was transferred from the Norwich to the Scottish District and Elder John E. Owens from the Scottish to the Ulster District, January 31st.

**Appointments and Releases:** Elder Frank R. Miller was appointed to succeed Elder Robert C. Neslen as president of the London District on January 23rd, and on January 16th, local Elder Ralph J. Pugh was appointed associate president of the London District.

Elder Raphael C. Palfreyman was appointed president of the Sheffield District January 23rd, succeeding Elder Cyril A. Linford.

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## A RALLYING HYMN

(To be sung to the tune of No. 253, L. D. S. Hymns.)

HAVE ye cherished Zion's story,  
 Have ye drunk her spirit true?  
 Will ye magnify her glory  
 Now the call has come to you?

Prophet, pioneer and martyr,  
 Lived and died as true men should,  
 Died to seal her royal charter  
 With the mark of Israel's blood.

Oh, the glory of their sorrow,  
 Oh, the triumph of their deeds,  
 How they laboured for the morrow,  
 How they planted for our needs.

Shall we drink the wine of gladness  
 In the laze of cushioned ease,  
 Drain the vintage of their sadness,  
 Caring but ourselves to please?

When our generation passes  
 And we live but as a name,  
 What shall we bequeath the masses—  
 Deeds of honour, or of shame?

Will our record breathe starvation  
 On the spiritual poor,  
 And a wasted land and nation  
 Lay their sin before our door?

Shall the hungry lie and perish  
 For the lack we might supply?  
 If our heritags we'll cherish  
 We may save them by and by.

Let us live for those around us,  
 And the missions yet to be,  
 'Till our own success astound us  
 In the joys that we shall see.

There's a service, there's a duty,  
 There's a battle to begin  
 For the excellence and beauty  
 Of our Zion. Shall we win?

Let us blaze a trail of glory  
 That will sweep the land of vice,  
 While we write anew her story  
 In the stones of sacrifice.

Raise aloft the royal banner,  
 Swift, the elusive moment seize.  
 With a firm convincing manner  
 Set your pennant in the breeze.

Fix it high and fix it steady,  
 England's hope is Zion's power.  
 Prove yourselves that ye are ready  
 For the high triumphant hour.

JAMES R. BARGH.

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